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For: METHODS FOR GENERATING HIGH TITER  
HELPER-FREE PREPARATIONS OF  
RELEASED RECOMBINANT AAV VECTORS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 8), for which a response was due on January 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.